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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Feigen and claims 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Feigen in view of Winger.

With reference to Figure 1 of the present application and in contrast to Figs. 1 and 3 of Winger (below with highlighting added), Applicants would like to point out a subtle yet important distinction between the two inventions. As recited in independent claim 7, the network layer of the gateway machine reroutes to the second port of the gateway machine any message sent to the first port of the server application that is addressed to the server machine. The second port of the gateway machine listens to detect a request to